

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: New US Patent Application corresponding to
International Application PCT/IB97/01634
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Applicant Rudin et al.
Attorney Docket (H) 97OM1412USP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 4" and
insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 5" and insert --
claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim
1--.

Claim 8, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim
1--.

Claim 9, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 8" and insert --claim
1--.

Claim 10, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of claims 1 to 9" and insert --
claim 1--.

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